

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, STRONGLY URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO SUPPORT ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR THE MIAMI-FORT LAUDERDALE URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI), AND FURTHER URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO CHANGE THE DESIGNATION OF THE MIAMI-FORT LAUDERDALE URBAN AREA FROM A "TIER II" UASI AREA TO A "TIER I" UASI AREA, TO MORE ACCURATELY REFLECT THE MIAMI-FORT LAUDERDALE AREA'S SIGNIFICANCE TO OUR NATION'S DEFENSE AND HOMELAND SECURITY.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hialeah strongly urge the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to support adequate funding for the Miami-Fort Lauderdale Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), and further urging the Department of Homeland Security to change the designation of the Miami-Fort Lauderdale Urban Area from a "Tier II" UASI area to a "Tier I" UASI area, to more accurately reflect the Miami-Fort Lauderdale area's significance to our nation's defense and homeland security; and

WHEREAS, DHS, through the Urban Area Security Initiative Program, provides homeland security grant funding to address the unique planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs of high-threat, high-density urban areas, and assists them in building an enhanced and sustainable capacity to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Fort Lauderdale UASI is the eighth-largest Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) in the United States, with a permanent population of 5.6 million residents living throughout the counties of Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade, and Monroe, along with millions of seasonal residents and tourists; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Fort Lauderdale UASI includes over 110 municipalities, four international airports, three major convention centers, and other critical utility and water infrastructures; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Fort Lauderdale UASI encompasses four international seaports, including Port Everglades, the site of South Florida's primary fuel storage and distribution center, and Port of Miami, the busiest passenger cruise ship port in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Fort Lauderdale UASI has both national and international economic significance, with a gross domestic product (GDP) of \$252.6 billion, and is the home to the largest concentration of international banks in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Fort Lauderdale UASI is also of immense significance to our Nation's defense and homeland security, serving as the home to the U.S. Southern Command (USSOUTHCOM), Homestead Air Reserve Base, U.S. Coast Guard operations at Air Station Miami and Station Miami Beach, and the National Hurricane Center; and

WHEREAS, UASI funding is essential to provide funding for the training and coordination of communication and response for over 100 different fire, EMS, HazMat, law enforcement, emergency operations and public health agencies within the Miami-Fort Lauderdale UASI; and

WHEREAS, despite being among the top 13 UASIs in the country, the Miami-Fort Lauderdale urban area sustained a 44 percent reduction in funding from \$17.1 million in Fiscal Year 2010 to \$9.6 million in Fiscal Year 2011; and

WHEREAS, despite its significance to our Nation's defense and homeland security, the Miami-Fort Lauderdale urban area was designated a "Tier II" UASI area in Fiscal Year 2011, thus reducing the amount of funds available in comparison to areas designated as "Tier I" UASI areas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hialeah, as part of the Miami-Fort Lauderdale UASI, is concerned that DHS will continue to dedicate insufficient funds to safeguard the Miami-Fort Lauderdale area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The foregoing facts and recitations contained in the preamble of this resolution are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. The Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hialeah, Florida pledge strongly urge the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to support adequate funding for the Miami-Fort Lauderdale Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), and further urge the Department of Homeland Security to change the designation of the Miami-Fort Lauderdale Urban Area from a "Tier II" UASI area to a "Tier I" UASI area, to more

accurately reflect the Miami-Fort Lauderdale area's significance to our nation's defense and homeland security

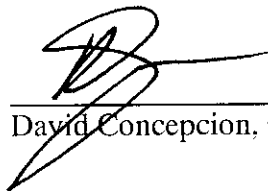
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of February, 2012.



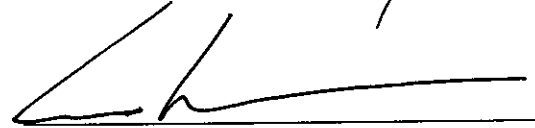
Isis Garcia-Martinez
Council President

Attest:

Approved on the 15 day of February, 2012.



David Concepcion, City Clerk



Mayor Carlos Hernandez

Approved as to legal sufficiency and form:



William M. Grodnick, City Attorney *K.C.*

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Resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote with Councilmembers, Caragol, Casals-Muñoz, Cue-Fuente, Garcia-Martinez, Gonzalez, Hernandez and Lozano voting "Yes".